

Amendments to the Claims:

The following claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in this application (in the unlikely event that no claims follow herein, the previously pending claims will remain):

1-14. (Canceled).

15. (New) A composition, comprising a mixture, in particulate form, of:

- (a) titanium dioxide;
- (b) an organic resin; and
- (c) a zeolite,

wherein said zeolite contains less than 9 percent water by weight as determined by heating at 800 °C for 1 hour.

16. (New) A composition according to claim 15, wherein said zeolite is a zeolite A or a zeolite P.

17. (New) A composition according to claim 15, wherein said zeolite contains less than 7 percent by weight water, as determined by heating at 800 °C for 1 hour.

18. (New) A composition according to claim 15, wherein said zeolite has a water loss after heating at 105 °C for 4 hours of less than 2 percent by weight.

19. (New) A composition according to claim 15, wherein said zeolite has a weight mean particle size in the range of 0.5 µm to 6.0 µm.

20. (New) A composition according to claim 15, comprising from 10 to 40 percent by weight pigmentary titanium dioxide.

21. (New) A composition according to claim 20, wherein the amount of said zeolite is up to 20 percent by weight of the composition.

22. (New) A composition according to claim 15, comprising a colored pigment and from 2 to 20 weight percent pigmentary titanium dioxide.

23. (New) A composition according to claim 22, wherein the amount of said zeolite is from 0.5 to 8 percent by weight of the composition.
24. (New) A composition according to claim 15, wherein the particles of the composition have an average size in the range of 10 to 75 μm .
25. (New) A composition according to claim 15, wherein the particles of the composition have an average size in the range of 40 to 200 μm .
26. (New) A composition according to claim 15, wherein the organic resin is a plasticized poly(vinyl chloride), a polyamide, a polyolefin, a poly(vinylidene fluoride), an epoxy resin, a polyester resin, a hybrid epoxy-polyester resin, a urethane resin or an acrylic resin.
27. (New) A composition, comprising a mixture, in particulate form, of:
(a) a zeolite; and
(b) an organic resin,
wherein said resin is a plasticized poly(vinyl chloride), a polyamide, a poly(vinylidene fluoride), an epoxy resin, a polyester resin, a hybrid epoxy-polyester resin, a urethane resin or an acrylic resin; and
wherein said zeolite contains less than 9 percent water by weight as determined by heating at 800 °C for 1 hour.
28. (New) A composition according to claim 27, wherein said zeolite is a zeolite A or a zeolite P.
29. (New) A composition according to claim 27, wherein said zeolite contains less than 7 percent by weight water, as determined by heating at 800 °C for 1 hour.
30. (New) A composition according to claim 27, wherein said zeolite has a water loss after heating at 105 °C for 4 hours of less than 2 percent by weight.

31. (New) A composition according to claim 27, wherein said zeolite has a weight mean particle size in the range of 0.5 μm to 6.0 μm .

32. (New) A composition according to claim 27, further comprising from 10 to 40 percent by weight pigmentary titanium dioxide.

33. (New) A composition according to claim 32, wherein the amount of said zeolite is up to 20 percent by weight of the composition.

34. (New) A composition according to claim 27, further comprising a colored pigment and from 2 to 20 weight percent pigmentary titanium dioxide.

35. (New) A composition according to claim 34, wherein the amount of said zeolite is from 0.5 to 8 percent by weight of the composition.

36. (New) A composition according to claim 27, wherein the particles of the composition have an average size in the range of 10 to 75 μm .

37. (New) A composition according to claim 27, wherein the particles of the composition have an average size in the range of 40 to 200 μm .

38. (New) A method for preparing a composition comprising, forming a mixture of an organic resin and a zeolite,

wherein said resin is a plasticized poly(vinyl chloride), a polyamide, a poly(vinylidene fluoride), an epoxy resin, a polyester resin, a hybrid epoxy-polyester resin, a urethane resin or an acrylic resin; and

wherein said zeolite contains less than 9 percent water by weight as determined by heating at 800 °C for 1 hour.